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here is a statement that has been approved by Melissa & the EOC on the accidental nature of the release.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has stated from the onset that the August 5 release at the Gold King Mine near Silverton, Colorado was an accident and that the agency will take responsibility to ensure it is cleaned up. Yesterday, EPA announced that the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) will lead an independent assessment of the factors that led to the Gold King Mine incident and it is anticipated that DOI will provide the assessment report to the public within 60 days.

EPA continues to work closely with first responders and local, state and tribal officials to ensure public safety and to provide information with local communities as we work to analyze any effects the spill may have on water resources and public health.

For more information on EPA's response to the Gold King Mine release, visit  
<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>.